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SPECIAL PACKAGE TO BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has announced any special package for Bihar under the National Common Minimum Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government for the implementation of the same; and

(d) the time by when this package is likely to be given to Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The National Common Minimum Programme relating to Special Package to Bihar reads as follows :

`From time to time, previous governments have announced special economic packages as, for example, for the northeast, for Bihar and for J&K. For Bihar, Shri Rajiv Gandhi had announced a special development package in 1989 and subsequently another package was announced at the time of its division in 1999 to make up for the loss of revenue. These packages will be implemented expeditiously.`

A special package is already under implementation in Bihar in the form of a Special Plan under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana during the Tenth Plan.

(b): Under this programme, the following nine schemes have been identified in consultation with the State Government of Bihar:

Name of the scheme	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crore)	Amount Released (Rs. in Crore)
1. Million Shallow Tubewell Programme (Subsidy Component)	633.78#	344.64#
2. Strengthening of Sub-transmission system	365.00	325.394
3. Restoration of Eastern Gandak Canal	294.00	51.417
4. Development of Horticulture (Grant/Subsidy Component)	35.53	18.1809
5. Integrated Watershed Dev. Programme	60.00	10.00
6. Development of State Highways	846.29	-
7 Integrated Community-based Forest Management	351.00	-
Total-A	2585.60	749.6319
8. Strengthening of Sub-transmission System in South Bihar (Phase-II)	597.00	New Scheme

9. Renovation and Modernisation of Barauni and Muzaffarpur Thermal Power Stations	643.00	New Scheme	
Total-B	1240.00	-	
GRAND TOTAL	3825.60	749.6319	

#: Includes Rs.55.50 crore released as one time ACA to the State Government for implementation of MSTP up to 2002-03, prior to RSVY funding.

(c): These schemes are at various stages of approval/implementation. Implementing agencies for all the schemes have already been identified for execution of these schemes. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for some schemes are in progress. The Union Government is monitoring these schemes regularly for their speedy implementation.

(d): The schemes are being implemented.